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RESULTS ON AMATEUR DIAMOND

BY JOHN R. HOOPER, JR.

The sun came out yesterday and the amateur baseball players of this town who were gloomy all of the forepart of the day, gave vent to their pent-up enthusiasm with a shout and hurry to the fields on which they were to start the race for honors during 1913 in their respective leagues.

Byrd Park, which is the rendezvous of the majority of amateur players and fans was a sight that would do any one good who is interested in the future welfare of Richmond. There could be seen boys and men as well as members of the gentler sex from all parts of the city and from all walks of life, all there for the same purpose, that of encouraging their favorites on to victory.

The Battle Axe team, of the Capital City League, went up against Barton Heights in the initial game yesterday, and very much surprised at the game that the boys from the Heights played against them, in fact, from a baseball standpoint, Barton Heights outplayed them at every stage of the game, and if the newcomers had not been suffering from stagefright in the first inning the Axes would never have scored the first three runs. Shelton outpitched Whitfield by a big margin, the boys from the Heights knocking three base hits and a home run, while the Axes could only garner three scattered singles from the twisters of Shelton.

Woodall and Quarles, of the Old Dominion League, downed Tyler's champions in the opener, and Kahns of Richmond, administered the same dose to Horace Wright's.

The Old Dominion League teams seem as well matched as any league in the city, and will no doubt, give the public some interesting sport this season. The Richmond League teams all look good and claim that they are going to put an article of ball this

year that will make the managers in higher leagues grin with envy.

The Portners, formerly the Hill-siders, have a team that is fast on the field and have some of the best hitters that the amateurs can boast of.

President Crowder of the Richmond League, is certainly to be complimented on the work he has done with this league, as it was in very bad shape when Crowder took hold of it and out of a hopeless ruin he has built a league that is second to none in the city.

The Commercial League, which is an entirely new organization, is well organized and has a man at the head who is thoroughly conversant with all of the workings of baseball and will give his time and influence for the benefit of the boys. All of the teams in this league have good backing and should have a most successful season.

What the Boys Are Doing.

"Doc" Bransford, the comeback centerfielder of the Battle Axe was certainly on the job, having saved his pitcher some several hits throughout the game.

"Pop" Ricketts, the diminutive second baseman of the same team, played a great game for his team. Both of these boys are veterans, but still show that they are capable of holding their own with the "kids."

Percy Jenkins, who played shortstop for the Athletics last year, has secured this job with the Bell Telephone, and judging from the game he played yesterday, is there to stay.

Denny Wright, who started the season for the Collegians, showed fine form, and with the continued support that was given him yesterday it looks as if he can be depended upon to win a championship this season.

"Pis" Shelton certainly did pitch classy ball for Barton Heights yesterday, and but for a bit of nervousness

on the part of some of his teammates in the first inning, would have had the Axes at his mercy.

"Plug" Amos, the recruit from the Central League, played a good game at second for Barton Heights, knocking down everything that came his way, and knocking out two three-base hits.

Sales, the young pitcher of the Cherry Smash, covered himself with glory yesterday when he let Burk & Co. down with two hits, which he counterbalanced by making two hits himself.

"Billy" Word, although crippled, played a great game behind the bat for the Collegians. Billy is looked to lead all catchers this season, as he is just budding into his prime, and is putting his whole soul into the game for the good of his team.

CAPITAL CITY LEAGUE

Standings of the Clubs.

Club	W.	L.	P.C.
Battle Axe	1	0	1.000
Collegians	1	0	1.000
Grays	1	0	1.000
Ashland	0	1	.000
Barton Heights	0	1	.000
Bell Telephone	0	1	.000

Where They Play Next Saturday.

Collegians vs. Ashland, Ashland, Bell Telephone vs. Battle Axe, Leo Park.

Grays vs. Barton Heights, Byrd Park.

Teams Play to Form.

The Capital City League played the opening games yesterday, and the games, considering the time of the year, were as interesting as if the city championship was in the balance. All teams played up to form, and one team, with the roster of the several teams would, more than likely have picked the three winners.

The Collegians-Bell Telephone game was a hard fought battle all the way, featured mostly by the pitching of Wright in the pinches and the superb way in which Word handled his delivery.

From the accounts at hand, the Battle Axe team seems to have been outplayed by Barton Heights, while Ashland claims that an even break in the luck would have returned them victors.

Such scores as 3 to 1, 6 to 3 and 8 to 5, bespeak well-matched teams, and the amateur baseball loving public of Richmond will witness encounters this season that will stir their blood to frenzy.

Collegians Win First Game.

In a fast and pretty game at Leo Park, the Collegians opened the season by defeating the Bell Telephone team by a score of 3 to 1. It was a pitcher's battle from the start, Wright having a little the best of it, though Bowers pitched a game of which he can well be proud. He allowed only six hits, no two of which occurred in the same inning. Wright held his opponents to three widely scattered hits. The Bell Telephone scored first on a home run by Vaughan-Lloyd in the fourth. In the same inning Word reached first on safety, stole second and scored on Ezekiel's two-bagger. In the fifth Wright was given a base on balls, took second when McFee passed, and scored on Augustine's long single to left. In the eighth Ezekiel was safe on a fielder's choice, went to second on a balky pass, and scored on an error by Hinchman in attempting to complete a double play.

Some fast fielding was done, the work of Jenkins and Ezekiel at short being especially brilliant. F. Sitterding, at first, handled himself in his league style and took care of every-

thing that came his way, and in addition led his team in hitting.

Score by innings: R. H. E.
Bell Telephone, 0 0 1 0 0 0 0—1 3 5
Collegians, 3 0 0 1 0 0 1—3 6 1
Summary: Two-base hits—Jenkins, Ezekiel, Home, run, Vaughan-Lloyd, Stolen bases—Jenkins, Tignor, V. Sitterding, Word, Augustine. Struck out—By Bowers, 5; by Wright, 7. Base on balls—Off Bowers, 4; Off Wright, 3. Left on bases—Bell Telephone, 4; Collegians, 7. Umpire—Mr. Wilcox. Time—1:30.

Grays Win.

The first game of the season between the Grays and Ashland resulted in the victory for the Grays by the score of 6 to 5. Timely hitting by the winners was the cause of their victory, while Ashland's inability at opportune time was the direct cause of their loss.

The hitting of Kilne, Orebaugh and Swift and the beautiful box work of both twirlers after the fifth inning were the features of the game.

Both teams showed good form so early in the season, and should this game be any occasion for the future, the class of ball furnished this season will be exceptional for amateurs, and will compare favorably with any semi-pro team in the country. The score:

Club	W.	L.	P.C.
Orebaugh, 3b.	5	1	2 4 0
Nelson, 1b.	2	0	12 0 1
Schenck, ss.	3	0	1 2 0
Kilne, 1f.	1	1	0 1 0
Saracino, of.	4	1	0 3 0
Dowden, rf.	3	1	1 0 0
Van Pelt, 2b.	3	0	1 3 0
Sutherland, c.	4	0	1 3 0
Dunn, p.	4	0	1 0 0

Totals.....32 6 6 27 14 2

Ashland.

Club	W.	L.	P.C.
Shelton, rf.	3	0	0 2 0
Kendler, ss.	3	0	0 2 0
Anthony, cf.	3	0	0 2 0
Blanton, p.	5	1	3 1 0
Blakey, 1b.	4	1	0 7 0
Kilne, 1f.	3	1	0 1 0
Swift, 3b.	4	2	2 1 0
Pearman, c.	2	0	12 3 0
Lancaster, 2b.	4	0	1 2 1

Totals.....33 5 6 27 10 1

Score by innings: R. H. E.
Grays, 0 0 0 1 1 3 1 0 0 0 0—6
Ashland, 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0—5
Summary: Two-base hits—Swift. Three-base hits—Kilne, Swift. Home runs—Orebaugh. Sacrifice hits—Schenck, Kendler, Stolen bases—Nelson, Kilne, 3; Dowden. Struck out—By Dunn, 6; by Blanton, 9. Left on bases—By Dunn, 4. Left on bases—Grays, 4; Ashland, 11. Umpire—Mr. French. Attendance—100.

OLD DOMINION LEAGUE.

Standings of the Teams.

Team	W.	L.	P.C.
Woodall & Quarles	1	0	1.000
Kahns of Richmond	1	0	1.000
Tyler's Champions	0	1	.000
Horace S. Wright's	0	1	.000

Where They Play Next Saturday.

Woodall & Quarles vs. Horace S. Wright's, at Byrd Park.
Kahns of Richmond vs. Tyler's Champions, at Chesapeake and Ohio Park.

Woodall & Quarles Win.

Woodall & Quarles defeated Tyler's Champions at Byrd Park yesterday by the score of 7 to 3. President Paul Latouche was on hand to see the boys play the first game of the season, and pitched the first ball over the plate.

For Woodall & Quarles, Pully was the batting star, while Lyons featured in the field. Gentry had the Tyler batsmen completely at his mercy, only allowing five scattered hits and striking out ten men. Gentry, Griffin and Pace, drafted from the Richmond League by Woodall & Quarles, showed up well.

Score: R. H. E.
W. & Q., 0 1 0 1 0 0 3—7 3 0
Tyler's, 0 1 0 2 0 0 0—3 5 1
Summary: Runs—Bauer, Roy, Pully (3), C. Gentry, Lyons, Heiker (2), C. Gentry. Two-base hits—J. Pully, L. Lyons. Three-base hits—Lyons. Stolen bases—Woodall & Quarles, 5; Tyler's, 5. Struck out—By C. Gentry, 10; by McCrady, 4. Hit by pitcher—Howie (2), McCrady. Passed balls—Livesey. Left on bases—Woodall & Quarles, 7; Tyler's, 4. Umpires, Dowden and Cummings. Attendance, 500.

Kahns Defeat Horace S. Wright's.

The Kahns of Richmond defeated the strong Horace S. Wright's yesterday by the close score of 3 to 2. The game was played fast and snappy throughout the contest. Both teams pulled off some nice plays. Deopple featured with the stick, getting his hits at the time they were needed, and winning the game for the Kahns. Creekmore pitched a shade better than Powell, his opponent. Creekmore struck out ten and allowed only five hits, while Powell struck out eight and allowed eleven hits. Schmidt, the new recruit signed up from the Battle Axe team, played a nice game.

R. H. E.
H. S. Wright's, 0 0 2 0 0 0 0—2 5 1
Kahns, 0 0 0 0 2 1 0 0—3 11 2
Batteries: Creekmore and Deopple; Powell and Powell.

RICHMOND LEAGUE.

Standings of the Clubs.

Club	W.	L.	P.C.
Portners	1	0	1.000
American Cloth. Co.	1	0	1.000
Cherry Smash	1	0	1.000
A. A. Adkins	0	1	.000
Burk & Co.	0	1	.000
Kingman & Co.	0	1	.000

Burk & Co. Snowed Under.

The Cherry Smash team of the Richmond League opened the season by taking Burk & Co. into camp by the score of 11 to 0. The game was fast and snappy and full of quick and snappy work. With the exception of a few headcase plays by Burk & Co.,

the game was perfect. Sales, of Cherry Smash, was pitching in his usual form, letting Burk down with two hits, then jumped on a crumple with two hits in return. Taylor, of the same team, who replaced Sales in the seventh for a try-out, pitched in good form. Cherry Smash play Kingman & Co. in Highland Park, their home grounds, next Saturday. A large attendance is expected.

Score by innings: R. H. E.
Cherry Smash, 1 0 3 2 0 0 0—11
Burk & Co., 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0
Summary: Left on bases—C. S. Sales, Lauterbach, Bowles, B. & C. Sales. Sacrifice hits—Chappell, August, Bass. Three-base hit—Chappell. Stolen bases—August (3), Sales (2), Chappell, Sims (2). Base on balls—Off Sales, 2; off Taylor, 2; off Short, 2; off Bass, 1; off Welsinger, 1. Hits—Off Sales, 3 in 7 innings; off Taylor, 1 in 3; off Bass, 3 in 3; off Short, 2 in 3; off Welsinger, 0 in 3. Umpires—Layne and Cropana. Scorer—Mr. Lauterbach. Attendance—200.

Portners Win.

Portner swamped Adkins yesterday in a one-sided affair on the latter's home grounds. Portner succeeded in finding Adkins' twirler for twenty-six hits and thirty-three runs. Blackburn and Keonig led with the stick, each getting a hit every time he came.

Score by innings: R. H. E.
Portner, 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—33
Adkins, 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0

American Clothing Co. Win.

The American Clothing Co. defeated Kingman & Co. yesterday afternoon in a slow game, by the score of 14 to 5. L. Creamer, on the mound for the clothingers, pitched a good game, allowing nine hits, keeping them well scattered. Browning, on second base for Kingman, played a good game, accepting three chances and getting two hits out of two times at bat.

R. H. E.
Am. Clo. Co., 2 0 2 3 0 2 3—14 15 1
Kingman, 0 0 0 0 2 0 1 0 2—5 9 2
Summary: Two-base hit—L. Creamer. Double plays—J. Creamer to Wall, Wall to Struck out—By Creamer, 6; by Coulter, 8. Base on balls—Off Creamer, 4; off Coulter, 3. Umpire—Mr. Martin. Time of game—2:30. Attendance—500.

WEST END LEAGUE.

Standings of Clubs.

Club	W.	L.	P.C.
Indians	1	0	1.000
Riversides	1	0	1.000
Pirates	0	1	.000
Albemarle	0	1	.000

Where They Play Next Saturday.

Indians vs. Albemarle, at Harvie Park.
Riversides vs. Pirates, at Clark Spring.

Indians Win.

The Indians defeated the fast Pirates at Harvie Park by the score of 6 to 5. The features for the Indians were the pitching of Riley, who pitched a game of 10 to 1, and the playing of Jones and F. Williams, for the Pirates. Kelly pitched a good game for his team, but the ninth inning caused his defeat.

R. H. E.
Indians, 0 0 1 0 0 2 0 0 3—6 10 3
Pirates, 0 0 2 0 0 0 2 1 0 0—5 4 3
Summary: Three-base hits—Jones and Williams. Blackburn, Stolen bases—Wilson, 20; by Kelly, 10.

Riversides Win.

The Riversides defeated the Albemarles by the score of 10 to 1. The features of the game was the batting of J. Nessley, Conway and Cottrell, and the pitching of Cottrell and McClintock.

Score by innings: R. H. E.
Riversides, 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0—10 13 0 5 0—10
Albemarle, 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—1 0 0 21 2—1
Batteries for Riversides, Nessley and Cottrell (2). Pitcher for Albemarle, Hughes and Parker.

CENTRAL LEAGUE.

Club Standings.

Club	W.	L.	P.C.
Hustlers	1	0	1.000
W. Heights	1	0	1.000
Brownies	1	0	1.000
Rambles	0	1	.000
Wizards	0	1	.000
Manhattans	0	1	.000

Yesterday's Results.

Hustlers, 11; Rambles, 4.
W. Heights, 16; Wizards, 13.
Brownies, 13; Manhattans, 10.

Where They Play Next.

Hustlers vs. Manhattans, at Byrd Park.
Brownies vs. Wizards, at Fulton.
Woodland Heights vs. Rambles, at Colonial Park.

Hustlers Opened the Central League season by defeating the Rambles by the score of 11 to 4 at Byrd Park yesterday. The Rambles started off like winners by scoring three runs in the first inning on a base on balls, a hit batter, an error, and two passed balls by the catcher. With three runs to the lead, the Hustlers came to bat. Rabeau singled to center—the first hit of the season; Quarles followed suit; Captain Tinsley brought his big stick to the front and uncoiled a slashing three-bagger to center and cleared the bases. Peytonnet singled to right, scoring Tinsley with the tying run. The Hustlers clinched the game in the fourth by scoring four runs. The Rambles were unable to hit Haskins, as the score will show.

The Hustlers will play the Manhattans at Byrd Park next Saturday, and a good game is expected.

R. H. E.
Hustlers, 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0—4 14 1
Rambles, 3 0 0 4 1 2 0 1—11 15 5
Batteries: Haskins and King; Buntin and Gray.
Summary: Two base hit—Tinsley. Three-base hit—Tinsley. Home run—Hamlet. Stolen bases—Lynn, Gray, Rabeau, Stolen bases—Lynn, Gray, Rabeau, Stolen bases—Lynn, Gray, Rabeau. Double plays—Lynn to Bluch; Hamlet



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to Quarles to Nichols. Struck out—by Haskins, 9; by Buntin, 3. Bases on balls—Off Haskins, 4; off Buntin, 3. Hit by pitched ball—Haskins. Left on bases—Rambles, 5; Hustlers, 3. Time of game, two hours. Umpire, Baker.

Brownies Win.

The Fulton Brownies defeated the Manhattan team yesterday by the score of 13 to 10. McCauley was wild in the third part of the game, but settled down in the third inning, holding his opponents at his mercy. The batting of Breeden, Holtzback, Wood and Bagby, for the Brownies, was the feature, while Haskins and Duval held the honors in batting for the Manhattans.

Score by innings: R. H. E.
Manhattans, 0 0 0 1 4 0 0 0—10
Brownies, 3 3 3 0 1 2 1 0—13 11 2
Batteries: Brownies—McCauley and Bagby; Manhattans—Saunders, Pully and E. Blankenship.

Summary: Three base hits—Holtzback, Breeden, Haskins, Duval. Two base hits—Bagby, McCauley, Holtzback, Wood. Innings pitched—by Buntin, 4; by Pully, 4; by Saunders, 9. Hits—Off Saunders, 8; off Pully, 3; off McCauley, 5. Struck out—by McCauley, 17; by Pully, 3; by Saunders, 4. Bases on balls—off McCauley, 3; off Saunders, 1; off Pully, 1. Hit by pitched ball—Pully, 2. Wild pitches—McCauley, 1; Pully, 1. Passed balls—McCauley, 3. Attendance, 150. Time, 1:55.

Woodland Heights Wins.

The Woodland Heights team defeated the Wizards of the Central League, by the score of 16 to 12. The features of the game were the pitching of Whitfield and the playing of Pullman at short, and the batting of the Wizards.

Score by innings: R. H. E.
Wizards, 0 1 4 3 2 3 0 0—12 13 4
W. Heights, 0 1 4 3 2 3 0 0—16 19 9
Summary: Two base hits—Womack, G. Jones, Whitten, Jenkins. Three base hits—Breyer, Pullman. Home run—Berry. Struck out—by Whitfield, 6; by Jenkins, 2; by Berry, 1. Bases on balls—off Whitfield, 4; off Jenkins, 2. Hit by pitcher—Chamberlain and Chalkley. Umpires, Bland and Anderson. Time, 2:15. Attendance, 200.

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE.

Standings of the Teams.

Team	W.	L.	P.C.
Christo Ginger Ale	1	0	1.000
Home Brewing Co.	1	0	1.000
Kline Motor Car Co.	1	0	1.000
Henrico Pets	0	1	.000
Rambles	0	1	.000
Simon Syle Co.	0	1	.000

The Home Brewing Co. team defeated the Henrico Pets by the score of 4 to 3. The pitching of A. Bannister and the home run in the ninth inning by W. Bannister, of the Home Brewing Co., were the features of the game.

Score by innings: R. H. E.
Home Brewing Co., 0 0 2 0 0 0 1 0 1—4
Henrico Pets, 2 1 0 0 0 0 0 0—2
Batteries: Home Brewing—Cottrell, Bannister and Brown, S. Henrico Pets—Harris, Blackburn and Pettus. Struck out—by Bannister, 12; by Blackburn, 8; by Harris, 3.

Christo Ginger Ale Wins.

In a very interesting game at Seminary yesterday, Christo defeated Simon Syle by the score of 10 to 4. Christo pitched nine, striking out fourteen of his opponents. Despite the short practice, both teams played very good ball, both in the field and on the bases.

Score by innings: R. H. E.
Christo, 0 0 0 2 0 2